

YANKEE HELP CALLED FOR.

China Sees John W. Foster to Advise with Her Peace Envoys.

HE WILL SAIL FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Appointment Appears to Be
Satisfactory to Both China
and Japan.

AMERICA NOT REPRESENTED.
Mr. Foster Will Be Counsel and
Act as Guide for Chinese
Plenipotentiaries.

(Special to The World.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Ex-Secretary
of State John W. Foster has been
requested by the Chinese Government
to assist it in negotiations for peace
with Japan.

On several occasions he has represented
China in diplomatic dealings between
that country and the American
State Department, and is known to be
thoroughly versed in the politics of the
Empire and to have the confidence of
its home government.

"Yes," said Gen. Foster to The World
correspondent to-night, "I have been
requested by the Chinese Government
to aid its plenipotentiaries in their
negotiations for peace with Japan. I
cannot tell precisely when I shall sail, but
expect to leave Vancouver Jan. 1 for
Yokohama. By that time I think the
Chinese plenipotentiaries will have left
Peking and be on their way to meet the
plenipotentiaries of the Japanese.
Where they will meet has not been
settled, but it probably will be in Tokio.

"The request comes to me direct from
Peking, and all I can say is that I have
accepted and will do my best to secure
peace for China on the best possible
terms.

"Upon the adjournment of the Behring
Sea Tribunal in Paris I made a trip
around the world, visiting China, Korea
and Japan. I made a special study of
the politics of those Asiatic nations and
was on very good terms with the promi-
nent men of the several countries.
"It seems to me somewhat indefinite
when the Chinese plenipotentiaries will
leave Peking and I, of course, will not
leave this country until I hear that they
are on their way. These two men are
Chang Yen Huan, and an official named
Shao. The latter I do not know. Chang
Yen Huan I know well. He is a
very progressive, liberal-minded Chinese
man, thoroughly conversant with what
China needs in the establishment of
more railroads and telegraph lines, and
a general opening up of the country to
American improvements. When he was
Minister here he frequently rode on the
railroads to study them and enjoy the
experience. If such men as he obtain
influence and prominence in China here-
after it will rapidly become a changed
country.

"I think this war will prove a blessing
to China. It will wake her up. The
Chinese are capable of doing wonderful
things. With the general introduction

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For centuries past it has been the
custom in all countries

to keep a table set for New Year's Day to enter-
tain friendly callers, heartily supplied with all
sorts of good things, such as Roasted Wild
Boar's Head, Boned Turkey, Roasted Tongues
and Ham, Game and Chicken Pates, Roasted Turkeys,
Partridges, Quail and Sucking Pigs, Lobster and
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of railroads and telegraph lines China
will become a far greater power than
now. She is, even at the present time,
a wonderful nation, but bound down by
conservatism. She has loyal, patriotic
soldiers enough, but is woefully lacking
in officers and men skilled in handling
modern appliances of warfare.

"As for Japan, I have only the kindest
feeling. She, too, is a wonderful country,
and she has made more progress in the
last few years than any other nation
on earth. Her people are capable of
great cultivation, and she deserves
every recognition from Western nations
for the efforts she has made and the ac-
tual progress she has already attained
in her efforts towards civilization.

"Of course I cannot speak as to what
will be done at the peace conference, be-
cause the plenipotentiaries have not yet
come together.
"I go as a lawyer, in a private capacity
entirely, and, as I have told you, I shall
do all in my power to secure peace for
China on the best terms obtainable.

The Japanese Government has been
advised of the appointment and its
Minister in this city has expressed his
satisfaction with it. Gen. Foster has no
authority to represent or speak for the
Government of the United States.

Gen. John W. Foster is fifty-eight
years old and probably has a wider and
more intimate acquaintance with foreign
diplomats, politicians and statesmen
than any other living American. He
has his military title on account of his
gallant service in the State Department,
having been brevetted General when the
fighting was done.

He is an Indiana graduate of the Har-
vard Law School, he practically began
his career as a soldier—he was twenty-
five years old—when the war began.
When peace was restored he laid down
his sword and picked up the pen, becoming
editor of the Evansville (Ind.) Journal. Then
he went into the campaign for President
of the Indiana State Republican Com-
mittee. Doubtless, in recognition
of his services in the campaign, he was
appointed Minister to Mexico.

Since that time Gen. Foster has been
an assistant Secretary of State, and
has served under Grant, and
Hayes as Minister to Mexico he was
in 1890 Minister to Russia. The next
year he gave up that mission to look
after his private affairs, but in 1893
accepted the post of Minister to Spain.

He was chosen in 1890 to assist Presi-
dent Harrison and Secretary Blaine in
negotiating reciprocity treaties; he
was adviser of this Government also in
adjusting the relations with Canada.
He was made agent to prepare and con-
fer the case of the United States before
the British Empire Tribunal at Ar-
bitration, and when Mr. Blaine died in
1893 Gen. Foster was appointed Secretary
of State.

STARTS ON PEACE MISSION.

Commissioner Chang-Yen-Huan Be-
gins His Journey to Tokio.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—Peace Commis-
sioner Chang-Yen-Huan has left Tien-
Tsin for Chefoo and is expected here
to-morrow. He will join the plenipoten-
tiaries of the Japanese and go to
Tokio.

Chang-Yen-Huan is President of the
Tung-shi-Yamen and was Chinese Min-
ister to Washington a few years ago.
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SAYS JAPAN BUYS VICTORIES.

Yale Sea Fight Won with \$500,000,
a Japanese Merchant Declares.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 27.—A leading
merchant of Japan, whose integrity is
vouched for by high commercial con-
nections, here, after much discussion,
has declared that the reason the
Japanese always win important bat-
tles so easily is because they send their
agents ahead and do not fight until the
Chinese mandarins and Chinese officials
have been bribed into making only a
feigned resistance.

He declares that while it cost approxi-
mately \$500,000 to "fix" the naval battle
of the Yellow Sea last month, it only
cost \$100,000 to buy an easy victory at Port
Arthur.

The bribes, he says, are paid in gold.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 26 A.M.—A Shanghai
dispatch to the Times reports that the
Japanese fleet, after a victory at sea,
has captured the Chinese fleet, and
6,000 Tongkangs, Dec. 23, suppressed the
rebellion at Lailu in Hailuo, where the
rebels were defeated and killed, and
stalled one of their number in his place.
The Japanese also dispersed the Tong-
kangs at Hailuo.

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BAKERS OFF IT OUT.

The Trust Has Decided to Continue
to Squeeze the Consumer.

They Say They Can't Afford to Re-
duce the Price of Bread.

Although Flour Has Dropped from
80 to 82.85 Per Barrel.

"The Wholesale Bakers' Association
has met and decided not to reduce the
price of the eighteen-ounce loaf," said
Manager Hugo Fredericks, of Rock-
well's bakery, to The World to-night.

"That was the first definite statement
it has been possible to obtain from the
Bread Trust for over two weeks. Mr.
Fredericks is high up in the councils of
the Wholesale Bakers' Association, and
his statement may be taken as authori-
tative.

"We have weathered the storm so
far," he continued, "and we will stick
it out. Further argument is useless.
We cannot reduce the price of bread
and make a fair profit on our invest-
ments, so there is no use in talking any
more about it.

"The Mr. Fredericks drew a graphic
word picture of the terrible results
which would follow if "The Evening
World" demand was acceded to and
an eighteen-ounce loaf retailed for four
cents.

"It is a mighty good thing that the As-
sociation has been able to hold out," he
said, "for if it had adopted the new sched-
ule of prices there would have been a
revolution in the baking trade."

Then Mr. Fredericks waved aloft the
buzsaw which he has held up ever
since the agitation for cheaper bread
was started.

"There are hundreds of bakers out of
work to-day, and the state of affairs
among the bakers is a sad one. The new
schedule of prices would have driven
men out of work and reducing the wages
of those who still had employment."

After the trade relations with Canada
were severed, the bakers were con-
vinced that the only way to survive was
to reduce the price of bread. The new
schedule of prices would have driven
men out of work and reducing the wages
of those who still had employment."

When the new Board of Aldermen
convened, the bakers' body will take
up the bread question, and an effort
will be made to revive the ordinance
passed nearly fifty years ago, and now a
dead letter, which was intended to regu-
late the manufacture and sale of bread.
The ordinance, which was passed in 1865,
provides that the material used in bak-
ing bread shall be of a certain stand-
ard, and that the bread shall be sold by
weight.

It is well known that the bakers
are in a desperate straits, and are
patronizing every roadside on the
bridge up. He spends money with
him in an effort to keep the price of
bread down, and is particularly anxious
to keep the price of bread down.

There is a list of the bakers who sell
bread at a profit, which will be added
to from day to day.

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Tokays, 7.50	11.00
Brands, 10.00	16.50

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A. Bruni, 409 3d ave.; A. Parini,
430 4th ave.; D. Galeano, 1541
Broadway; T. Henry Lohsen, 636
6th ave.; S. Giglio, 141 Broadway,
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